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SUBJECT: 1975 NEW YEARS MESSAGE

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BEGIN SUMMARY: PRESIDENT PARK'S NEWSYEARS MESSAGE IS RELATIVELY TOUCH AND SOMBER IN TONE BUT OFFERS LITTLE NEW IN SUBSTANCE. HE EMPHASIZES AGAIN NORTH KOREA'S "MASTER-MINDING OF BARBAROUS" AUGUST 15 ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT AND CONSTRUCTION OF TUNNEL IN DMZ, CALLING FOR BELT TIGHTENING IN ECONOMIC SPHERE, AND REITERATING ROKG CONTENTION THAT PEOPLE SHOULD RALLY BEHIND YUSHIN CONSTITUTION TO FORESTALL INVASION FROM NORTH. END SUMMARY.

1. IN MESSAGE RELEASED ON DECEMBER 31 (BUT DATED JANUARY 1) PARK NOTES THAT IN AUGUST 15 INCIDENT AND DMZ TUNNEL CONSTRUCTION NORTH DEMONSTRATED AGAIN ITS "SCHEMES FOR ARMED AGGRESSION" AGAINST SOUTH. INSTEAD OF JOINING ROKG IN PEACEMAKING EFFORTS, NORTH KOREA RESPONDED WITH "INHUMANE AND BARBAROUS CONDUCT."

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2. HE SEES PROBLEMS IN NEW YEAR AS NO LESS DIFFICULT

THAN 1974 BOTH IN NATIONAL SECURITY AND "INTERNATIONAL ECONOMY." ROKG WILL TRY TO CONSOLIDATE FURTHER NATIONAL SECURITY, BUT IF PEOPLE INDULGE IN "SPLITTING NATIONAL OPINION", SECURITY OF NATION WILL FALL PREY TO POWER STRUGGLES LEADING TO REINVASION BY NORTH.

3. ROKG WILL "EXERT STRONGEST POSSIBLE ENDEAVORS" TO CLOSE RANKS AND TO ACHIEVE NATIONAL UNITY. CONTINUED SURVIVAL DEPENDS ON PEOPLE RALLYING BEHIND YUSHIN (REVITALIZING REFORM) IDEAS AND LIVING FRUGALLY THROUGH PRESENT ECONOMIC CRISIS. DILEGENCE AND FRUGALITY MUST BE PRACTICED BY EVERYBODY AND PUBLIC FIGURES SHOULD ACT AS MODELS FOR ENTIRE POPULATION.

4. FULL TEXT OF OFFICIAL ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF MESSAGE BEING POUCHED.
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